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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD - KINGSTON

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1. REGRET INABILITY TO LOCATE INFORMATION IN FILES
PERTAINING TO INITIAL AGREEMENT WITH HOST GOVERNMENT ON
ASSIGNMENT OF MARINES TO THE EMBASSY.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE:

A. IN EACH CASE WHEN PLANS ARE MADE TO ASSIGN A MARINE
GUARD COMPLEMENT TO ONE OF OUR FACILITIES OVERSEAS,
THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN HOST
GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR THE ASSIGNMENTS.

B. IT IS STANDARD PRACTICE TO ADVISE THE HOST GOVERN-
MENT OF OUR PRACTICE TO UTILIZE MARINE GUARDS ON
INTERNAL PREMISES IN UNIFORM AND ARMED ON DUTY.

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C. THE MARINES ARE ASSIGNED AS MEMBERS OF OUR TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WITH OFFICIAL PASSPORTS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INTERNAL GUARD SERVICES.

3. THE DEPARTMENT'S INSISTENCE THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT BE FULLY ADVISED OF THE MISSION AND PURPOSE FOR ASSIGNING MARINES IS TO OBTAIN ANY FUTURE PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE UNIFORM AND WEAPONS AND DUTIES OF THE MARINES.

4. IN MOST CASES THERE HAS BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF FORMAL NOTES BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE HOST GOVERNMENT CONCERNING SUCH ASSIGNMENTS. HOWEVER, IN SOME CASES THE HOST GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN LITTLE OR NO CONCERN ABOUT THE MAKE-UP OR PURPOSE OF OUR INTERNAL MISSION STAFFING.

5. OUR INITIAL PRACTICE OF ASSIGNING UNIFORMED AND ARMED GUARDS TO OUR MISSIONS TO PROTECT OUR CLASSIFIED MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT FROM COMPROMISE HAS ALSO PROVIDED US WITH AN EXCELLENT DETERRENT TO THE TERRORIST THREAT WORLD-WIDE. IN KINGSTON, SINCE THE HOST GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PROVIDE STATIONARY POLICE OR GUARD COVERAGE TO OUR EMBASSY IN VIEW OF THE THREAT FROM CRIMINALS AS WELL AS TERRORISTS, THE PRESENCE OF OUR OWN ARMED GUARDS ON THE PREMISES IS ESSENTIAL. KISSINGER

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